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| Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PRESENCE STATE ASSIGNMENT BASED ON SCHEDULE INFORMATION IN AN INSTANT MESSAGING SYSTEM | \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ |

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 1, 2007

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 1, 2007, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

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Please amend the case as listed below.